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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF DR.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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SUMMARY: VICE CONSUL KRISTINE MAISH RECEIVED A LETTER  
DATED AUGUST 24, 1978 FROM ALAN B. HAUSMAN, SENIOR STAFF  
COUNSEL FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REQUESTING ANSWERS TO SIX  
QUESTIONS. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON  
PROPOSED REPLY AND ON POSSIBLE APPROACH TO CANADIAN  
EMBASSY AT LISBON. END SUMMARY.

### 1. BACKGROUND

A. AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., JAMES EARL RAY UNDER THE NAME OF RAMON GEORGE  
SNEYD SECURED IN 1969 FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON  
A REPLACEMENT PASSPORT FOR HIS ILLEGALLY OBTAINED CANADIAN  
PASSPORT. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SELECT COMMITTEE'S  
INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY, MR. HAUSMAN  
BROUGHT TO LISBON IN JUNE 1978 LETTERS ROGATORY ISSUED  
AT THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST BY THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. MR. HAUSMAN ATTENDED A HEARING ON JUNE  
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26, 1978 BEFORE A PORTUGUESE JUDGE OF INSTRUCTION WHO  
QUESTIONED, PURSUANT TO THE LETTERS ROGATORY AND WITH  
GUIDELINES SUPPLIED BY MR. HAUSMAN (LISBON 4848), FOUR  
PORTUGUESE NATIONALS WHO HAD CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL  
RAY WHEN HE WAS IN LISBON IN 1968.

B. ON JULY 11, 1978 THE JUDGE OF INSTRUCTION

QUESTIONED MRS. MARIA MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, THE EMPLOYEE OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESSING OF THE FRAUDULENT 1968 PASSPORT APPLICATION OF JAMES EARL RAY. MRS. LOPES WAS REQUIRED TO TESTIFY BY THE PORTUGUESE COURTS DESPITE THE PROTESTS OF THE CANADIAN EMBASSY WHICH UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO CLAIM "LIMITED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY" FOR HER. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY MRS. LOPES ANSWERED ONLY QUESTIONS WHICH IDENTIFIED HER (I.E. NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH) AND REFERRED ALL SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY.

C. CANADIAN CHARGE TOLD CONOFF (REF A) ON JULY 13 THAT HE WOULD FORWARD TO OTTAWA ANY FORMAL REQUEST THAT U.S. EMBASSY LISBON MIGHT MAKE TO HAVE A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF ITS STAFF INTERVIEW MRS. LOPES AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN LISBON. END BACKGROUND

3. LISTED BELOW ARE SIX QUESTIONS POSED BY MR. HAUSMAN IN HIS LETTER OF AUGUST 24 TOGETHER WITH THE EMBASSY'S PROPOSED ANSWERS. OUR REPLY WILL BEAR THE SIGNATURE OF CONSUL O'NEILL.

QUESTION 1: WHEN CAN THE SELECT COMMITTEE EXPECT TO RECEIVE COPIES OF THE TRANSCRIPTS OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTS OF THE WITNESSES QUESTIONED BY THE JUDGE  
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OF INSTRUCTION DURING MY LAST TRIP?

ANSWER 1: THE TRANSCRIPTS WERE DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND WERE TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE SAME DATE. (FOR THE DEPARTMENT: RECORDS WERE FORWARDED UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 948264, ATTN: L).

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QUESTION 2: HAS THE JUDGE OF INSTRUCTION HELD  
ANY OTHER QUESTIONING SESSIONS?

ANSWER 2: YES. ONLY MISS TEIXEIRA LOPES.

QUESTION 3: WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE  
SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF MRS. MARIA MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES  
BEFORE THE JUDGE AND WHAT IS THE CURRENT CANADIAN POSITION  
CONCERNING SUCH APPEARANCE?

ANSWER 3: SINCE YOU LAST DEPARTED LISBON, THE JUDGE  
OF INSTRUCTION HELD ONLY ONE FURTHER QUESTIONING SESSION,  
THAT OF JULY 11, 1978 INVOLVING MRS. MARIA MANUELA TEIXEIRA  
LOPES FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY. THOUGH THE JUDGE  
POSED THE QUESTIONS AS OUTLINED BY YOUR COMMITTEE,  
MRS. TEIXEIRA LOPES CONFINED HER ANSWERS ONLY TO THE  
BASIC FACTS (NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH).  
ALL OTHER QUESTIONS SHE REFERRED TO THE CANADIAN EMBASSY.

WE HAVE MET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE  
CANADIAN EMBASSY AND AS FAR AS WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE,  
THE CANADIANS WOULD AGREE TO ALLOW MRS. TEIXEIRA LOPES TO BE  
QUESTIONED AGAIN, THOUGH IN ALL PROBABILITY THEY WOULD  
ONLY ALLOW IT TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CANADIAN  
EMBASSY ITSELF. THIS RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS  
WHO WOULD DO THE QUESTIONING AND WOULD THE CANADIANS  
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HAVE HER TESTIFY UNDER OATH (THE PORTUGUESE OR AMERICAN  
OATH WOULD NOT BE BINDING ON CANADIAN PREMISES). SHOULD  
YOUR COMMITTEE DECIDE IN FAVOR OF SUCH A HEARING WE ARE  
PREPARED TO FORMALLY REQUEST, VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE,  
PERMISSION FOR YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF TO QUESTION  
HER AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY.

QUESTION 4: ARE THERE ANY WITNESSES FROM THE BANCO  
TOTTA ALIANCA WHO CAN OR HAVE BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY?

ANSWER 4: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO WITNESSES FROM  
THE BANCO TOTTA ALIANCA HAVE BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY  
THOUGH THIS IS UNCONFIRMED AS THE JUDGE OF INSTRUCTION  
AND HIS AIDE ARE ON HOLIDAY UNTIL OCTOBER 2, 1978

QUESTION 5: IS THERE FURTHER INFORMATION ON  
THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY OF THE WITNESSES INCLUDED  
IN OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR LETTERS ROGATORY WHO DID  
NOT TESTIFY AT LAST HEARINGS?

ANSWER 5: OUR CONVERSATION WITH DR. ALLEN GOMES  
OF INTERPOL INDICATES THAT LETTERS ROGATORY PERTAINING  
TO MISS DINA FLORES WERE RETURNED TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 24, 1978 AFTER FRUITLESS ATTEMPTS  
TO LOCATE HER.

QUESTION 6: IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT  
HAS COME TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY WITHHELD  
FROM THE COMMITTEE DURING ITS LAST TRIP TO PORTUGAL?

ANSWER 6: NO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT  
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CONCURS IN DIRECT REPLY BY CONSUL O'NEILL TO MR. HAUSMAN  
(WITH A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT) USING THE ANSWERS AS  
DRAFTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, PARTICULARLY THE ANSWER TO  
QUESTION 3. (B) DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER  
THIS EMBASSY, IF REQUESTED BY HAUSMAN OR THE SELECT COMMITTEE  
SHOULD FORMALLY CONTACT CANADIAN EMBASSY REQUESTING THAT  
A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS OR ITS  
STAFF BE ALLOWED TO QUESTION MRS. LOPES.  
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